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Applicant: Lee
Application 09/449,762
filed 11/26/99
For: Positioning device having dynamically
isolated frame, and lithographic device
provided with such a positioning
device
Accorded benefit: Application 09/192,153,
filed 11/12/98, now U.S. Patent 6,246,202,
issued 6/12/01 and application
08/416,558, filed 4/4/95, now U.S. Patent
5,874,820, issued 2/23/99

The above-identified application or patent has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences because it is adjudged to interfere with another application or patent. An interference has been declared. The interference is designated as No. 104,814.

Notice is hereby given the parties of the requirement of the law for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office a copy of any agreement "in connection with or in contemplation of the termination of the interference." 35 U.S.C. § 135(c).


SALLY C. MEDLEY
Administrative Patent Judge

The opinion in support of the decision being
entered today is not binding precedent of the Board.

Paper 1

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GERARD VAN ENGELN, CORNELIS D. VAN DIJK,
JOHANNES M. M. VAN KIMMENADE,
and JAN VAN EIJK

Junior Party,
(Patent 5,844,666),

v.

MARTIN E. LEE,

Senior Party,
(Application 09/449,762).

Patent Interference No. 104,814

NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE
(37 CFR § 1.611)

Part A. Declaration of interference

An interference is declared (35 U.S.C. § 135(a)) between the
above-identified parties.

Details of the application(s), patent (if any), reissue
application (if any), count(s) and claims designated as
corresponding or as not corresponding to the count(s) appear in
Parts E and F of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

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Part B. Judge designated to handle the interference

Administrative Patent Judge Sally C. Medley has been designated to handle the interference. 37 CFR § 1.610(a).

Part C. Standing order

A Trial Section STANDING ORDER accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE. The STANDING ORDER applies to this interference.

Part D. Conference call to set dates

A telephone conference call to set dates for taking action in the interference is scheduled for **2:00 p.m. on June 6, 2002** (the call will be initiated from the PTO).

No later than **two business days** prior to the conference call, each party shall file and serve by facsimile a list of the preliminary motions the party intends to file. See § 17 of the STANDING ORDER.

A copy of a "sample" order setting times for taking action during the preliminary motion phase of the interference accompanies this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE.

Counsel are encouraged to discuss the order prior to the conference call with the view to coming to some mutual agreement as to dates for taking action. A typical preliminary motion period lasts approximately nine (9) months. Counsel should be prepared to justify any request for a shorter or longer period.

Part E. The parties involved in this interference are:

Junior Party

Named inventors: GERARD VAN ENGELEN, Veldhoven,
Netherlands,
CORNELIS D. VAN DIJK, Boxtel,
Netherlands,
JOHANNES M. M. VAN KIMMENADE, Eil,
Netherlands,
JAN VAN EIJK, Eindhoven, Netherlands,

Patent: Patent 5,844,666,
granted 1 December 1998,
based on application 08/642,014,
filed 2 May 1996

Title: Positioning device with a vibration-free
object table, and lithographic device
provided with such a positioning device

Assignee: ASM Lithograph B.V.

Accorded Benefit: none

Attorneys: See last page

Address: See last page

Senior Party

Named Inventors: MARTIN E. LEE, Saratoga, CA

Application: Application 09/449,762
26 November 1999

Title: Positioning device having dynamically
isolated frame, and lithographic device
provided with such a positioning device

Assignee: None

Accorded Benefit: application 09/192,153,
filed 12 November 1998, now U.S. Patent
6,246,202, issued 12 June 2001

application 08/416,558,
4 April 1995, now U.S. Patent 5,874,820,
issued 23 February 1999

Attorneys: See last page

Address: See last page

Part F. Counts and claims of the parties

Count 1

Claim 4 of 09/449,762

or

Claim 10 of 5,844,666

The claims of the parties are:

Van Engelen: 1-22

Lee: 1-6

The claims of the parties which correspond to Count 1 are:

Van Engelen: 1-3 and 10-12

Lee: 1-6

The claims of the parties which do not correspond to Count 1 are:

Van Engelen: 4-9 and 13-22

Lee: none

Part G. Heading to be used on papers

The following heading shall be used on papers filed in the interference. See § 18 of the STANDING ORDER.

Paper ____¹

Filed on behalf of [name of party]

By: Name of lead counsel, Esq.

Name of backup counsel, Esq.

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TITLE OF PAPER

¹ Leave a blank line because the board assigns the paper number.

Part H. Summary of dates for taking action

Times for taking action are set out in the following sections of the STANDING ORDER:

1. § 7: date for identifying lead and backup counsel.
2. § 8: date for identifying any real party in interest.
3. § 9: date for requesting copies of involved and benefit applications and patents.
4. § 17: date for filing list of proposed preliminary motions.
5. § 19: date for accomplishing certain discovery.
6. § 20: date for filing clean copy of claims.
7. § 21: date for filing clean copy of claims in cases with drawings and/or claims containing a means plus function limitation.
8. § 23: dates for filing oppositions to Rule 635 miscellaneous motions and dates for filing replies to oppositions.
9. § 33: date for objecting to admissibility of evidence.
10. § 34: date for serving supplemental affidavits or evidence to respond to objection to admissibility of evidence.
11. § 35: dates when cross-examination can take place.
12. § 45: dates for taking action with respect to settlement discussions

Part I. Order form for requesting file copies

FILE COPY REQUEST

Interference 104,814


A copy of Part E of this NOTICE DECLARING INTERFERENCE should be attached to this FILE COPY REQUEST, with a circle by hand around the patents and applications for which a copy of a file wrapper is desired.

To facilitate processing of this FILE COPY REQUEST, the following information should be included:

1. Charge fees to USPTO Deposit Account No. _____
2. Complete address, including street, city, state, zip code and telephone number (do not list a Post Office box inasmuch as file copies are sent via commercial overnight courier).

Telephone, including area code: _____

Part J. Signature of administrative patent judge


SALLY C. MEDLEY
Administrative Patent Judge

Date: 4/12/02
Arlington, VA

Enc:

Copy of STANDING ORDER

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in
the preliminary motion phase of the interference (ORDERPM6)

Copy of order used for setting times for taking action in
the testimony and briefing phases of the interference
(ORDERTE6)

PTO Form 850 and examiner's statement

Copy U.S. Patent 5,844,666

Copy of claims of Lee application 09/449,762

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